



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

The Year of the Veterinarian

WHEREAS, the American Veterinary Medical Association was founded in 1863 as the U.S. Veterinary Medical Association in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 2013 will mark the 150th anniversary of organized veterinary medicine in the United States; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect our state's citizens such as salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever and malaria; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints and arthroscopy; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of our nation's herd and food supply; and

WHEREAS, military veterinarians provide crucial support to our nation's military and assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world; and


WHEREAS, disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare; and


WHEREAS, colleagues from around the world will join veterinarians in the United States to celebrate this momentous occasion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim 2013 as The Year of the Veterinarian and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this year.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 7th day of February, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor